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1. In the latter part of April 1951 there was speculation in the SED Central Committee over the possibility of a new blockade of Berlin, to be imposed as a means of pressure in view of the Paris negotiations among the Big Four and as a retaliation against the highly effective restrictions which the West has introduced against trade with the Soviet zone and the satellites.
2. The argument of SED functionaries is that the Americans are not able, financially or technically, to conduct another air-lift. A recent letter which S.A. Dengin, the chief Soviet representative in Berlin, sent to the Americans in protest against police interference with S-Bahn traffic at stations in West Berlin is believed to herald such a blockade move on the part of the Russians.

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